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SATURDAY, MAY 28, 1904.

No Cut in School Appropriation.

There has been much said in Newark papers of late about an alleged cut in the school appropriations for public school purposes in this town. The Newark papers have been and are being misinformed, and it has been ascertained that some residents here having read these reports are laboring under an erroneous impression that the school appropriation was cut down by the Board of Estimate. The school appropriation was not cut down. The Board of Estimate fixed the same amount for public schools this year as was voted last year, namely, \$37,500.

When the Board of Estimate met to make the appropriations for the current year, there was submitted for their consideration figures showing the possible amounts the several sub-committees of the Board of Education would need in their respective departments. These estimates totaled up \$40,000, or \$2,500 more than was voted last year. The majority of the members of the Board of Estimate voted against any increase in the appropriation, and favored giving the Board of Education the same amount as voted last year.

The action of the majority of the Board was devoid of any prejudice against the schools, and Councilman Farrand, who voted with the majority, and who is a staunch friend of the public school system, and has always advocated a liberal policy towards the schools, claims to have been actuated in his vote by the personal statements of those in a position to know that the schools should be conducted this year without any increase in the appropriation, and that the assertions to the effect that the schools would need more money were without foundation, and circulated for the purpose of making votes for annexation. Other members of the Board of Estimate who voted against any increase in the appropriation were governed by reliable assurances that an increase was unnecessary.

There has been much calamity howling since the meeting of the Board of Estimate, and an effort is being made to place the members of the Board of Estimate before the public in the light of enemies towards the public schools. A bitter controversy is likely to be the result of the statements to the effect that the school appropriation was cut. Councilman Farrand will be a central figure in the controversy, as his statements as to the understanding of the needs of the schools make it plain that he has more inside information than some of the members of the Board of Education. Mr. Farrand's remarks in the course of the deliberations of the Board of Estimate made a marked impression on the members of the Board of Education who participated in the work of the Board of Estimate.

Payment for Franchisees.

The fact that the time has passed in this section of the country, at least, for the granting of public franchises without some compensation to the public is recognized by all students of affairs and by most of the great financiers. The development in Newark has been somewhat slow, because the trolley connections have done so much for the city's trade and there is a desire to see the closest possible association with the great suburban district, but the meeting upon the City Hall loop showed that the local sentiment is now definitely settled. The promoters of these semi-public corporations have felt that the demand for compensation for franchisees would come, and while they naturally endeavor to get as much as they can for the least money, there is no question of their perception of the change in sentiment.

There is no disputing the justice of the demand that corporations having public franchises should contribute to the support of the government. The logic is complete and it is scarcely worth discussion for the truth is established. That the corporation is, in fact, a public agent, and that the function of government which it really performs, entitles government to a share in the profits is not only good reasoning, but is pretty well settled public policy. On the other hand, one cannot greatly regret the failure to impose these conditions on the first trolley lines. They were doubtful schemes; mechanical defects were many, and only the prospect of great profits secured the success of the great public convenience. Newark, for instance, might have greatly profited in the tax levy by waiting five years for the development of the trolley,

yet that very period was one of hard times, and if the suburban business which was developed by the trolley had not succored Newark there would have been financial disaster beyond a doubt. The policy of cities of Great Britain in this respect is often praised, yet it was nearly a decade before the most advanced of them, Glasgow, began to have traffic facilities equalling Newark's first development.

But the time for change has come, and it should not be opposed. There should be full payment exacted for every franchise.

Monsignor Doane in Town.

Monsignor George H. Doane of Newark has recently been contributing a series of interesting and delightful articles to the Sunday Call on "Days in the Country." The Monsignor's latest letter describes a trip to this town made at the instance of Samuel G. Hayter, who intimated to the venerable clergyman that he would find some remarkable beauties of nature here. The trip is thus described:

"Hearing of a large apple orchard in bloom in Montgomery, I went to see it the other afternoon. I took the River road to Belleville. The tide was high, the mudbanks were hidden, and the flow of the river, with just a ripple on its surface between its green banks and under its trees reflected in its waters, was most beautiful. At Belleville I turned to the left, and followed Second river to Montgomery. I was too late for the apple blossoms, but the pretty little stream rippling over its stones, the fresh green foliage, the excellent road, made the drive a delightful one.

"Some days before word was sent to me from Bloomfield by one who said he read my letters in the Sunday Call of two dogwood trees in Mr. Beach's garden, corner of Beach and Elm streets, near the beautiful park or common, a white and pink one, which he urged me to see. From Montgomery I drove along Franklin street to Bloomfield, admired the grass and the elms in the common, and then went to the indicated place, and had that peculiar feeling which surprises creates of having your breath taken away, as I saw those two trees standing side by side, a blonde and a brunette as it were, covered with bloom, and vying with each other in beauty. The sun lit them up, and the combination was simply exquisite, worth coming miles to see.

"The drive home was down Franklin street, the old Bloomfield road, to Silver Lake, across the canal, and through the park.

Fire at Oakes' Mills.

A fire that caused much excitement and but little damage occurred at Thomas Oakes & Co.'s woolen mills Thursday evening. The fire broke out in the building known as the "dry house." The fire apparatus at the mill was quickly gotten out and the employees manned the hose and soon had a stream of water on the burning building, but the pump was working at 240-pound pressure and the united efforts of six men could not control the hose pipe and it got away from them and squirmed about the mill yard like a huge snake and drenching everybody in the yard. The pressure was reduced at the pumps and a score of men succeeded in bringing the hose under subjection again and got a line on the building and the water was sent into the fire with tremendous force. Three lines of hose were in play on the fire when the firemen arrived. The fire originated in the vicinity of a stove conveying hot air into the drying room.

The Woman's Relief Corps.

The Woman's Relief Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic is the largest benevolent and patriotic organization of women in the world, numbering now almost 150,000 members. Organized in 1883, following a call by Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort, with a small band of charter members, it has grown to magnificent proportions in numbers and influence and in the streams of bounty which have been poured out through the treasury in many deserving channels. The strongest and best women of the nation have been proud to have their names upon its rolls. All loyal women are eligible to membership in the Woman's Relief Corps. Its aims and objects as found in the rules and regulations are as follows: "To specially aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and to perpetuate the memory of their heroic dead."

Held for Larceny.

Mrs. Joseph Croose of Glenwood avenue was arrested Thursday night by Policeman Smith on a charge of breaking into the storage warehouse of Gustave Bruett in Linden avenue, taking goods belonging to those who had stored clothing there. The accused denied the charge. She said she was picking dandelions along the Second River bank and found the clothing in a clump of bushes. The prisoner's twelve-year-old son corroborated her story. A number of neighbors said that Mrs. Croose had visited their homes and sold various articles of clothing.

Fire in Glen Ridge.

An alarm of fire was sounded from box No. 28 last evening about six o'clock, which called out our firemen, but it was found to be on Midland avenue, Glen Ridge. The fire broke out in an outbuilding on the premises of J. Milton Unsung. It was soon extinguished, and the damage was trifling.

Dressmaker.

Mrs. J. P. Gustavson of New York; latest French styles; moderate prices. 14 Baldwin Place, near Newark Avenue. —Advt.

The Civic Union.

Application blanks for membership in the Civic Union can now be obtained from the Secretary of the union, F. M. Hinkle, No. 332 Belleville avenue. The dues have been fixed at the low rate of \$1 per annum. The object of the union, as officially set forth, shall be to establish the principle of non-partisan control of local affairs; to raise the standard of individual citizenship; to secure good local government, and through these agencies to promote the general welfare of the community. All persons who believe in good local government, and who feel a personal interest in the town's prosperity and advancement, are cordially invited to become members of the Civic Union. The desire is to secure the co-operation of as many people as possible, in order that the union shall be able to exercise a directing influence in local affairs along the lines set forth in its declaration of principles.

No Restrictions.

Hardware dealers and lumber merchants in this town and Montclair who, since the lockout was declared by the bosses, have refused to sell goods to the members of the unions, have been notified by the unions that unless they removed the embargo the journeymen would not work on any job where their material was delivered in the future. With one or two exceptions the merchants heeded the warning, fearing a boycott on their stores and goods, and now sell to all. One of the leading journeymen said that it was expected that storekeepers would remain neutral in the present trouble.

First Ward Republican Club.

The annual meeting of the First Ward Republican Club was held on Thursday night and officers were elected as follows: Harry L. Osborne, President for the seventh consecutive time; James C. Brown, Vice-President; Charles Madole, Secretary; J. H. Hardcastle, Treasurer; Thomas McGowan, John A. Lawrence and James H. Moore, Executive Committee. A committee to arrange plans for the Presidential campaign was appointed by President Osborne as follows: Charles F. Kocher, Walter M. Hopier, James C. Brown, George W. Heath, John A. Lawrence and Charles A. Madole.

Firemen's Resolutions.

Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, to remove from our midst our beloved comrade Peter Fornoff, Jr.; and

Whereas, Through our deep grief we realize how heavy must be the loss sustained by his mourning family and all who knew him in life; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Peter Fornoff, Jr., we, the members of the Exempt Fireman's Association of Bloomfield, N. J., in this meeting assembled, express and make known our deep grief in having sustained the loss of a valued friend and comrade; and be it further

Resolved, That as a tribute to his memory a copy of these resolutions be published in the Bloomfield CITIZEN, spread upon our minutes and a copy suitably engrossed and sent to the family of the deceased.

CHRISTIAN BUCK,
GEORGE A. KERR,
SEYMOUR P. GILBERT,
Committee.

Bloomfield, N. J., May 17, 1904.

Ice-Cream Festival.

A strawberry and ice-cream festival will be held at the Chapel of the Park M. E. Church Thursday evening, June 9. The men of the church will have charge, acting as waiters, etc. Keep the affair in mind and be sure to be there.

List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed in the Post-office at Glen Ridge, N. J., on May 28, 1904.

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